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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Nobuaki Omata et al.

Application No.: 10/750,837

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For: ACTUATOR AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING A STRAIN ELEMENT

Examiner: A. D. Tugbang

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENTS**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 18-30. Further, in response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect species A, drawn to Figures 2A-2E, claims 18-20 and 26.

Applicant's election of species is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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